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MARYLAND CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

Maryland cattle and calves totaled 185 thousand on January 1, 2015, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. All cattle and calves were up 2 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 27 percent of the total cattle in Maryland, numbered 50,000 head, unchanged from January 1 of the previous year.

Beef cows totaled 41,000 head, up 8 percent from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 8,000 head, down 16 percent. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 16 percent to 26,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from a year ago at 4,000 head. The 2014 Maryland calf crop totaled 70,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago.

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